

Mental Health (708) Board Minutes
May 18, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
Host Agency: Good Samaritan Ministries
701 S. Marion Street, Carbondale

Present: Margo Willis, Jim Scales, Brandi Williamson, Linda Flowers, Cindy Clark

Also: Shannon Odum, Ginny Donney, Mike Heath, Betti Mucha, Lynda Kiloran, Kathy McClanahan, Catherine Sime, Tom Meyer, Allison Fairfield

Absent: Jo Gulley-Ancell, Renee Schwartz

708 Board Chair Margo Willis called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Introductions and reports were given by the following agencies, currently receiving funding in FY 2015:

- Tom Meyer and Allison Fairfield—Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation
- Ginny Donney—Shawnee Health Care
- Mike Heath—Good Samaritan Ministries
- Betti Mucha—Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center
- Lynda Kiloran and Catherine Sime—Centerstone
- Shannon Odom—Archway
- Kathy McClanahan—The Women's Center

There was no representative present from the Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living.

Motion by Flowers, seconded by Scales, to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

There was no Administrative Secretary report as Ms. Schwartz is on maternity leave.

There was no County Board Report as no county board member has been appointed to take the place of Ms. Paulette Curkin who has resigned.

FOIA and OMA Training Certificates are needed for Ms. Williamson and Ms. Ancell. Ms. Williamson submitted a copy of both certificates to Chairman Willis.

The Needs Assessment Summary and FY 2014 Budget and Annual Report are in the packet for review.

Board members discussed the redesigned website. Mr. Scales commented that it is much improved, easy to navigate and visually pleasing. A past board member also reported positive comments about the new site.

Ms. Willis reported that States Attorney Dan Brenner has advised that nothing prohibits the 708 Board from sponsoring a Facebook page. Discussion ensued about such page. Ms. Willis explained that the

purpose would be to provide more awareness in the community about the board. Many agencies represented stated that they did have FaceBook pages, and felt that they were helpful outreach tools for their clients. The question was raised about who would be available to maintain and monitor the page. The idea was tabled to a future meeting.

Ms. Willis reminded the board that they are currently receiving one free year of ACMHAI membership. Information about conferences and workshops sponsored by the Association is in the packet. Mr. Scales suggested that if our board is going to engage in this group, perhaps we should consider designating a budget to send folks to conferences. Ms. Flowers explained that she may be able to attend part of an upcoming event because she will already be in the area.

The Planning Committee Report is in the packet. Ms. Willis began to review the summary report with the board, including the committee's recommendations to consider expanding the board, revising general funding guidelines to allow non-profits, and to create a by-law committee. It was decided that members should review the document and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. The formation of a committee to review/revise the by-laws will also be considered at the next meeting.

Motion made by Jim Scales, second Linda Flowers to approve the budget committee report. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The board discussed the idea of using a rubric in order to assess FY16 applicants. Motion made by Jim Scales that the budget committee work on revising the rubric for possible use in the future, and that the long form be required by applicants this year, which will be evaluated by the board using past practice of discussion. Linda Flowers seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Jim Scales moved that the long form be accessed by applicants through the board's website, and be due June 19th. Linda Flowers seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. This time frame will allow the board time to review the forms prior to the public hearing. A motion was made by Jim Scales to have Michelle Tweedy place a notice in the paper (one week prior to the July Public Hearing). The notice will inform the public that the public hearing will begin at 5:30 July 20th at the S.T.A.R.T. building in Murphysboro. Linda Flowers seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The board agreed to begin their July business meeting at 5:00. There will not be oral reports from agencies rather, the public hearing will begin at 5:30. Margo Willis will contact the Center for Independent Living to explain since they were not in attendance. Cindy Clark moved to place an ad in the Southern Illinoisan one week prior to public hearing. Jim Scales seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Margo Willis will follow through with this.

The nominating committee report was given by Cindy Clark. Nominations for FY16 offices are Jim Scales for Chair, Brandi Williamson for vice chair, Linda Flowers for treasurer. No one is currently nominated for secretary. Cindy Clark moved to accept the nominations. Margo Willis seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Elections will occur at the July meeting.

The meeting location for September 15th has not yet been decided.

Jim Scales moved to adjourn. Cindy Clark seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting ended at 7:00 pm.